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SUBJECT: ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE: PRESS RELEASE

FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH AND ITALIAN TEXT RELEASE ON U.S. EARTH-
QUAKE AID. PLEASE REPRODUCE 50 COPIES AND PASS TO ROBERT LAGAMMA,
USIS, AT AVIANO COMMAND POST.

BEGIN ENGLISH TEXT:

AMERICAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF TO DATE HAVE COME
TO MORE THAN DLR 600,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS. SO FAR,
MORE THAN 1300 TENTS, CAPABLE OF SHELTERING 10,000 PEOPLE,
HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AND MILITARY RATION FOR 37,200 MEALS MADE
AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATORS. PRIVATE
VOLUNTEER EFFORTS INCLUDE A DONATION OF DLR 50,000 WORTH OF BLANKETS
BY THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE. A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
FOR DLR 25 MILLION IN DISASTER RELIEF TO ITALY IS NOW BEFORE THE
US CONGRESS.

A BREAKDOWN OF US ASSISTANCE TO DATE:

FROM SETAF VICENZA:

SIX HU-1B HELICOPTERS AND TEN MEDICAL OFFICERS WENT INTO ACTION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MAY 6 DISASTER, AND WERE INVOLVED
PRIMARILY IN SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS. IN OVER 100 HOURS OF
FLYING TIME, THE SETAF PERSONNEL PROVIDED 22.5 TONS OF BREAD,
MINERAL WATER, FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

FROM AVIANO AIR BASE:

FOLLOWING THE INITIAL ASSISTANCE, BASE REPRESENTATIVES WENT
INTO THE DISASTER AREA TO ASCERTAIN DAMAGE AND COORDINATE RELIEF
AID WITH LOCAL ITALIAN OFFICIALS. TWENTY TENTS CAPABLE OF
HOUSING UP TO 600 PEOPLE, 100 BLANKETS AND 200 SHEETS WERE
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SENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF SEQUALS. FORTY STRETCHERS WERE
ALSO SENT TO THE HOSPITAL AT TOLMEZZO IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
BY LOCAL OFFICIALS.

ON SATURDAY, MORE THAN 100 PERSONNEL -- INCLUDING CIVIL ENGI-
NEERS -- WERE SENT TO FORGARIA. WITH BASE-PROVIDED HEAVY
EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL BEGAN CLEARING ROADS IN AND OUT OF THE VILLAGE
IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ROADS PASSABLE FOR OTHER VEHICLES BRINGING

IN NEEDED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISASTER VICTIMS;
RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHERE THE AVIANO
PERSONNEL HAVE ESTABLISHED A FIELD HEADQUARTERS TO COORDINATE
RELIEF EFFORTS WITH U.S. AND ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

ON MONDAY, MAY 11, SOME 145 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BASE TRANSPORTED
MORE THAN 160 TENTS TO TARENTO, WHERE APPROX. 30 TENTS WERE
ERECTED FOR THE DISASTER VICTIMS, BEFORE WORK WAS HALTED IN THE
EARLY HOURS OF TUESDAY, MAY 11, DUE TO HEAVY RAINS, 134 BASE
VOLUNTEERS, TOGETHER WITH 54 MEMBERS OF THE 132ND TACTICAL
FIGHTER WING, CONTINUED TO SET UP TENTS ON TUESDAY, ADDITIONAL
TENTS WILL BE DISPATCHED FROM TARENTO TO OTHER DISASTER COMMU-
NITY HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE, COLLECTING FOOD AND CLOTHING ITEMS
TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISASTER VICTIMS. BASE OFFICIALS
STATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO AVIANO MILITARY, CIVILIAN OR DE-
PENDENTS KILLED OR INJURED IN THE QUAKE.

NAPLES:

PERSONNEL FROM THE U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN NAPLES ARE
COLLECTING BABY FOOD AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES TO BE AIRLIFTED
TO THE NORTH BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

/FURTHER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE/
VARIOUS US AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THE AVAILABILITY OF FURTHER
SUPPLIES SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT FORD ASKED
CONGRESS FOR DLR 25 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE TO AID IN DISASTER
RELIEF AND TO HELP IN THE PROCESS OF REBUILDING AND RECOVERY
THE DEVASTATED AREAS. END ENGLISH TEXT.

BEGIN ITALIAN TEXT.

/GLI AIUTI E L'ASSISTENZA AMERICANA PER IL TERREMOTO NEL FRIULI/
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ROME, 12 MAGGIO -I CONTRIBUTI AMERICANI ALL'OPERA DI SOCCORSO
PER IL TERREMOTO NEL FRIULI HANNO SUPERATO FINORA IL VALORE DI
600 MILA DOLLARI DI FORNITURE E MATERIALI.

SONO STATE FORNITE A TUTT'OGGI PIU' DI 1.300 TENDE PER UNA
CAPACITA' COMPLESSIVA DI DIECIMILA PERSONE, E RAZIONI MILITARI
PER 37.200 PASTI SONO STATE MESSE A DISPOSIZIONE DELLE AUTORITA'
ITALIANE CHE COORDINANO I SOCCORSI. TRA LE INIZIATIVE PRIVATE,
VA RICORDATA L'OFFERTA DI COPERTE PER UN VALORE DI 50 MILA DOLLARI
DA PARTE DEL CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE.

INTANTO, IL PRESIDENTE FORD HA RICHIESTO AL CONGRESSO LO STANZIAMENTO
DI 25 MILIONI DI DOLLARI A CARICO DEL PROGRAMMA DI ASSISTENZA
DI EMERGENZA PER I CASI DI CALAMITA' NATURALI.

DIAMO QUI DI SEGUITO UN RIASSUNTO DEGLI AIUTI AMERICANI FORNITI
A TUTT'OGGI. ...

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/DAL SETAF DI VICENZA:/

6 ELICOTTERI HU-1B E 10 UFFICIALI MEDICI SONO ENTRATI IN AZIONE IMMEDIATAMENTE DOPO IL DISASTRO DEL 6 MAGGIO E SI SONO IMPEGNATI PRINCIPALMENTE IN MISSIONI DI RICERCA E SALVATAGGIO. IL PERSONALE DEL SETAF, CON OLTRE 100 ORE DI VOLO, HA FORNITO 22,5 TONNELLATE DI PANE, ACQUA MINERALE, PRODOTTI ALIMENTARI, ARTINOLI DI VESTIARIO E MATERIALE MEDICO-SANITARIO.

/DALLA BASE AEREA DI AVIANO:/

DOPI I SOCCORSI INIZIALI, RAPPRESENTANTI DELLA BASE SI SONO RECATI NELLA ZONA SINISTRATA PER RENDERSI CONTO DEI DANNI E COORDINARE L'OPERA DI ASSISTENZA CON LE AUTORITA' ITALIANE E LOCALI. AL COMUNE DI SEQUALS SONO STATE INVIATE 20 TENDE, CAPACI DI ACCOGLIERE FINO A 600 PERSONE, 100 COPERTE E 200 LENZUOLA. ALL'OSPEDALE DI TOLMEZZO, IN RISPOSTA AD UNA RICHIESTA DELLE AUTORITA' LOCALI, SONO STATE FATTE PERVENIRE 40 LETTIGHE.

NELLA GIORNATA DI SABATO, PIU DI 100 PERSONE, TRA CUI ALCUNI INGEGNERI CIVILI, SONO STATE INVIATI A FORGARIA. VALENDOSI DELLE ATTREZZATURE PESANTI FORNITE DALLA BASE, IL PERSONALE HA COMINCIATO A SGOMBERARE DALLE MACERIE LE STRADE ALL' INTERNO E FUORI DELLA CITTADINA ALLO SCOPO DI RENDERLE TRANSITABILI PER GLI ALTRI VEICOLI CHE AFFLUIVANO RECANDO SOCCORSI PER LE VITTIME DEL DISASTRO; LE ATTIVITA' ASSISTANZIALI PROSEGUONO A FORGARIA, DOVE IL PERSONALE GIUNTO DA AVIANO HA INSTALLATO UN COMANDO DA CAMPO PER COORDINARE I PROPRI SFORZI CON QUELLI DELLE AUTORITA ITALIANE.

IL 10 MAGGIO, CIRCA 145 VOLONTARI DELLA BASE HANNO TRANSPORTATO PIU

DI 160 TENDE A TARCENTO, PROVVEDENDO A MONTARNE UNA TRENTINA. PRIMA CHE IL LAVORO VENISSE INTERROTTO NELLE PRIME ORE DI MARTEDI' 11, A CAUSA DELLA FITTA PIOGGIA, 134 VOLONTARI PROVENIENTI DA AVIANO, INSIEME A 54 MILITARI DEL 132MO STORMO DELL'AVIAZIONE TATTICA DA CACCIA, AVEVANO CONTINUATO LE OPERAZIONI DI MONTAGGIO. ALTRE TENDE VERRANNO INVIATE DA TARCENTO IN ALTRE COMUNITA' DISASTRATE. LA COMUNITA' DI AVIANO SI E' ANCHE ADOPERATA PER RACCOGLIERE CIBI E ARTICOLI DI VESTIARIO DA DISTRIBUIRE AI TERREMOTATI. IL COMANDO DELLA BASE HA COMUNICATO CHE NON CI SONO STATE VITTIME NE' FERITI TRA IL PERSONALE MILITARE
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E CIVILE E I FAMILIARI DEI DIPENDENTI DELLA BASE NAEREA DI AVIANO.

DA NAPOLI:

IL PERSONALE DEL CENTRO PER LE ATTIVITA' DI APPOGGIO DELLA
MARINA STA RACCOGLIENDO ALIMENTI PER L'INFANZIA E ALTRI GENERI
DI SOCCORSO, CHE VERRANNO SPEDITI PER VIA AEREA AL NORD ALLA
FINE DELLA SETTIMANA.

ULTERIORE ASSISTENZA:

VARI ENTI STATUNITENSIS HANNO ANNUNCIATO DI AVERE DISPONIBILI
ULTERIORI FORNITURE QUALORA ESSE DOVESSERO RENDERSI NECESSARIE.

INOLTRE, COME SI E' DETTO, SI ATTENDE L'APPROVAZIONE DEL
CONGRESSO ALLA RICHIESTA DI FORD DI STANZIARE 25 MILIONI DI
DOLLARI PER I SOCCORSI E PER CONTRIBUIRE ALLA RICOSTRUZIONE
DELLE ZONE SINISTRATE. END ITALIAN TEXT.VOLPE

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